



## OSD/ISA/AFR Sub-Saharan Africa Policy Factsheet

### Why: Africa Matters to the U.S.!

- 15% of U.S. imported oil supply comes from sub-Saharan Africa, increasing to 20% by 2010
- Over 65% world's HIV cases on the subcontinent
- Poverty, unemployment, and lack of capital development exacerbate social and ethnic tensions, and create havens for conflict, insecurity and terrorism
- In past decade, over 25 U.S. contingency operations have been conducted on the subcontinent

### Vision: US security themes in Africa

- US productively partnering with African nations and sub-regional organizations to help build sustainable national and regional capacity for humanitarian and peace support operations
- U.S. Africa initiative for military medicine increasing awareness and stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS among soldiers and security institutions in Africa
- U.S. and African partners working to improve counter-terrorism capabilities and cooperation
- U.S. and African partner awareness of African oil and other resources as a security factor

**How:** Take a strategic approach to Africa, by working through sub-regional organizations and recognizing the leadership roles of Nigeria, South Africa, Ethiopia, Kenya, Senegal, Ghana, Botswana and other states on the subcontinent to combat HIV/AIDS, improve trade and investment, and promote regional stability.

**Tools:** The US DoD effort is implemented in three key areas: Promoting civilian control of militaries, improving military professionalism, and building capacity of these militaries to prevent where possible and respond where necessary to national and sub-regional crises.

#### Security Assistance

Foreign military financing  
Foreign military sales  
Excess defense articles  
Direct commercial sales

#### Humanitarian Assistance

HAP-excess defense articles  
HAP-civic action  
Humanitarian demining

#### Combined Education

IMET and E-IMET  
ACSS, NESA and APCSS  
DIILS, Naval Justice  
Program

#### Mil-mil Contact

Multi- & bi-lateral staff talks  
Ship & port visits:  
West Africa Training  
Cruise (WATC)  
Counterpart visits  
Chaplain program  
State Guard partnerships

#### Regional Peacekeeping Training & Exercises

PKO  
ACRI  
EIPC

#### Combined Training & Exercises

JCETs  
Multi- & bi-lateral exercises  
MEDFLAGs  
Disaster assistance training  
Maritime training

#### Other DoD Activities

Demobilization  
Military health initiative  
Psyops/civil affairs  
Environmental security

### Approximate FY2002 resources for US DoD Security Cooperation in sub-Saharan Africa:

IMET	\$10.4M	FMF	\$19 M
ACSS	\$7 M	HIV/AIDS	\$14 M over 2 years
ACRI	\$20 M	EIPC	\$ .8 M

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### **Current Activities**

#### **Operation Avid Recovery**

USEUCOM is conducting Operation Avid Recovery with Nigerian and British servicemen and women in clearing unexploded munitions left from a tragic and deadly accident in Lagos, at the Ikeja Cantonment Area on 27 Jan 02. The EOD soldiers are helping to stabilize the cantonment area, as well as provide safety training to the public and special ordnance handling training for Nigerian military personnel.

*<http://www.eucom.mil>*

#### **Nuba Mountain Commission**

The Nuba Mountains Joint Military Commission monitors the cease-fire between the Government of Sudan and the Sudanese People's Liberation Movement – Nuba from 20 Feb to 20 Jul 02 in order to ensure Parties adhere to provisions of the Nuba Cease-fire Agreement.

*<http://www.defenselink.mil/policy/isa/africa/commission/>*

#### **Military Health Initiative**

This U.S. initiative assists in adapting and providing military-based HIV prevention programs to military and uniformed services personnel in selected African countries. The program implements, maintains, and evaluates HIV preventive intervention programs and complements other U.S. government HIV awareness and prevention programs as well as those managed by allies and the UN.

*<http://www.nhrc.navy.mil/programs/life/>*

#### **U.S. Crisis Operations Assistance and Training**

The African Crisis Response Initiative (ACRI) is a U.S. initiative that seeks to help African nations to respond to humanitarian crises and peacekeeping missions in their region. In its fifth year, having trained over 8,600 African soldiers, and 'graduating' five countries, the program is being redesigned in concert with African countries themselves to further the enhancement of capacity of armed forces in Africa to serve in peace support operations and respond to humanitarian crises.

*<http://usinfo.state.gov/regional/af/acri/>*

#### **Africa Center for Strategic Studies (ACSS)**

Since October 1999, the Africa Center brought together almost 700 civilian and military leaders for programs in civil-military relations, national security strategy, and defense economics. An annual two-week Senior Leader Seminar is designed for senior civilian policy makers and military officers. Leadership Seminars, Sub-Regional and topical seminars are also offered throughout the year. The next Africa Center event is a Security and Health topical seminar scheduled for 19-25 May 2002 in Dakar, Senegal.

*<http://www.africacenter.org/>*

#### **US-South Africa Defense Committee**

This annual activity brings together security and defense leaders to discuss a wide range of bilateral cooperation, to share views, and to coordinate and manage defense relations. The annual Defense Committee meetings are alternately hosted by the U.S. and South Africa.

*<http://www.defenselink.mil/policy/isa/africa/sadc.htm>*

#### **Demobilization, Demilitarization and Reintegration (DDR)**

Africa faces many complex challenges in DDR of soldiers and ex-combatants. Our office funded a study, released March 2002, examining four African experiences in DDR and makes recommendations for the US policy interagency. The study is available on our website, and the shorter white paper will be posted soon.

*<http://www.defenselink.mil/policy/isa/afrindex.html>*